ANNEXURE

REVIEW ON THE CATTLE MORTALITY IN THE STATE FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1933.

The gratifying feature of the half-year is the continued diminution in the mortality under rinderpest, a result due, no doubt, to the vigorous inoculation campaign of the last few years. Over seven lakhs of cattle having been protected permanently during the last eight years against the disease by means of the Serum Simultaneous method of inoculation. Likewise, under anthrax, another of our serious diseases—there has been a striking reduction in the mortality amounting to 26 per cent. As preventive inoculation is now being undertaken, we may look forward to even better results in coming years. In respect of H. S. and B. Q., on the other hand, an increase in mortality has taken place in the year, the figures for H. S. being rather disquieting. However, the large bulk of the increase has been confined to only two districts of the State, *viz.*, Kolar and Chitaldrug. Even with the present staff, it should be possible for the Superintendent, to carry on an intensive campaign in these districts The Serum Institute should be able to supply all the vaccines that may be necessary for such work.

The mortality in sheep also shows a slight increase. At present sheep diseases do not receive the attention they deserve in a State where the sheep industry is such an important one. Steps will have to be taken to remedy this state of affairs by arranging for a study of these diseases and for field work by strengthening the staff.

In regard to the receipt of the mortality returns from the districts, it is necessary once again to emphasise the need for improvement from most of the Taluks and District Offices.

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